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Anson Root imp.  
vs  
Asher Rossiter

No. 12012

Supreme Court of Illinois

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Root, Imp.

vs.

Rossiter.

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Said Court and the Seal thereof at Geneva this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of January AD 1848  
J. B. Spalding Clerk

Decided as follows "Executed this writ January 11<sup>th</sup> 1848  
by Making to Alvan Root - Paul Ambrose not to be  
jamed in the County" J. B. Spalding Sheriff  
for U. S. Court Dept

And afterwards to wit on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January  
AD 1848 the Plaintiff, filed in this Court Office a  
Declaration of which the following is a copy.  
State of Illinois )  
Kane County ) ss  
Name Circuit Court  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1848

Asher Prosester Plaintiff in this suit by whom  
and Wright his Attorney Complain of Paul Ambrose  
and Alvan Root Defendants in this suit, who have  
been Summored &c of a plea that they render to the  
said Plaintiff the sum of Five hundred Dollars which  
they owe to and from him unjustly detain: For that  
whereas the said Defendants heretofore to wit on the 26<sup>th</sup>  
day of April AD 1845 at Geneva in the County of  
Kane aforesaid by their Certain Writing obligatory  
Seald with their Seals and now shown to the Court  
here, the date whereof is the day and Year aforesaid  
acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly  
bound unto the said Plaintiff in the sum of Five  
hundred dollars above demanded to be paid to  
the said Plaintiff, and the said Plaintiff according  
to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided  
says that the said Writing obligatory was and is  
subject to a certain Condition thereunder written  
whereby after reciting to the effect following to wit

that the said Plaintiff, obligee in said Bond, had lately before the Circuit Court of Hancock County and State of Illinois received a judgment in a certain plea of trespass in the case upon promises against the said Paul Andrews for the sum of Three hundred and Sixty one dollars and Forty Seven Cents and Cents of Suit and that the said Andrews prayed and obtained an Appeal from the said judgment to the Supreme Court of this State it is provided that the said Andrews shall prosecute his said Appeal with all due diligence and shall pay the judgment, Costs, interest and damages in case the said judgment shall be affirmed, when this bond shall be void, otherwise remain in full force and effect; Nevertheless the said Plaintiff in fact says that said Andrews did not and has not prosecuted his appeal with all due diligence but on the contrary that after the making of said writing obligatory to suit at the December Term of the Supreme Court of this State held at Springfield, AD 1845 the said appeal was dismissed by said Court for want of prosecution, and the said Plaintiff further in fact says that the said Paul Andrews has not as yet paid to the said Plaintiff the said judgment - Costs, interest and damages nor any part thereof; By means of which said several promises the said Plaintiff hath sustained damages to a large amount, to wit to the amount of Five hundred dollars, whereby an action hath accrued to him the said Plaintiff to demand and have of and from the said defendant the sum of Five hundred dollars above demanded; And the said Plaintiff avers that at the time of the commencement of the said suit the said defendant doth reside and still resides in the County of Hancock aforesaid; and the said

Ambrose resided in the County of Cook Illinois; Yet the said  
defendants although often requested so to do, have  
not as yet paid the said sum of Five hundred dollars  
above demanded to the said Plaintiff or any part  
thereof, but have hitherto wholly neglected & refused  
and still neglect and refuse so to do to his damage  
of Five hundred dollars wherefore he brings his  
suit &c

Brown & Wright  
Pl. Plaintiff

Copy of Bond declared upon

Know all men by these presents that we Paul Ambrose  
and Arson Root are held and firmly bound unto  
Asher Rossiter in the penal sum of Five hundred dollars  
of good and lawful Money of the United States for which  
payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves  
our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly & severally,  
jointly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and  
dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1845.

The condition of this obligation is such that  
whenever the said Obligor hath before the Circuit Court  
of Ham County and State of Illinois received a judgment  
on a certain plea of trespass on the Case on promises  
against the above bounden Paul Ambrose for the  
sum of Three hundred and Sixty one dollar and  
Fifty seven cents and costs of Suit, and the said  
Ambrose prayed and obtained an appeal from the  
said judgment to the Supreme Court of this State. Now  
if the said Paul Ambrose shall prosecute his said appeal  
with all due diligence and shall pay the judgment  
costs, interest & damages in case the said judgment  
shall be affirmed then this obligation shall be void  
otherwise to remain in full force and effect

executed in presence of

Paul Ambrose Seal  
Arson Root Seal

And afterwards to wit on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
January AD 1849, the defendant Root filed pleas  
of which the following are true copy to wit

Aaron Root and Paul Ambrose }  
at Debt } January Special  
Asher Rossiter } Term AD 1848.

And the said defendant Aaron  
Root implored to come and defend the wrong  
and injury whereto and says that the said supposed  
writing obligation, in said declaration mentioned  
is not his deed and of this the said defendant puts  
himself upon the country &c

and the plaintiff doth the like } Wilson & Wilcox  
Brown and Wright their attys } his Attorneys

And for a further plea in this behalf by leave of  
the Court &c the said defendant Aaron Root imple-  
aded &c says &c as follows because he says, that after  
the making the said supposed writing obligation and  
before the commencement of this suit to wit on the first  
day of December AD 1847 the said defendant fully  
paid and satisfied to the said plaintiffs the full amount  
of his debt, damages, interest and costs, by him above  
in his declaration mentioned, and thus the said debt  
Aaron Root is ready to satisfy; wherefore he prays  
judgment whither the said plaintiff ought to have  
or maintain his aforesaid action thereof against  
the said defendant.

Wilson & Wilcox his attys  
And for a further plea in this behalf as to all of said  
plaintiff's declaration except so much thereof as alleges  
that the said <sup>debt</sup> Paul Ambrose therein mentioned did  
not prosecute his appeal to the supreme court with  
due diligence, the said defendant Aaron Root

implied to be by leave of the Court to come and  
crave eyes of the said Bond and Condition in said  
Plaintiff's declaration mentioned and it is read to  
him & thereupon he says aetio non because he  
says that after the rendition of the said judgment  
in the said plaintiff declaration mentioned and in the  
Condition of the bond therein referred to described in favor  
of said Plaintiff, against the now co-defendant Paul  
Ambrose and prior to the commencement of this suit  
to wit on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April A.D. 1845 the said Plaintiff  
sued out of the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of said Kane County (the said Kane Circuit Court being  
the Court in and by which the aforesaid judgment was  
rendered) a Writ of Execution in due form of Law  
in his aforesaid judgment against the goods and  
chattels, lands, and tenements, of the said Paul  
Ambrose defendant therein and now co-defendant  
in this suit, which said execution was afterwards  
on the same day last mentioned delivered to the  
Sheriff of Kane County, to execute, and the said  
Sheriff afterwards and before the commencement  
of this suit to wit on the same day and Year last  
aforesaid at Kane County, aforesaid by virtue of said  
execution and for the satisfaction of the same, levied  
upon seized and took a great value of goods and  
chattels wares and Merchandize of the said Deft  
Paul Ambrose, the same goods and Chattels, wares  
and Merchandize, then and there being of great  
value, greater than the amount then and there  
due on said execution to wit of the value of five  
hundred dollars; and the said Sheriff afterwards  
and before the commencement of this suit to wit  
on the day and Year last aforesaid, returned and

endorsed said levy on said execution, all of which the said defendant Anson Root is ready to verify &c; wherefore he prays judgment if the said plaintiff ought further to have or maintain his action aforesaid thereof against him the said  
Wilson & Wilcox

Attys for Root

And afterward, to wit on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January AD 1849 the plaintiff filed his Replication to plea, which is as follows to wit

Alber Rossiter

vs

Paul Ambrose

Anson Root

Debt

And the said plaintiff as to the said plea of the said defendant Root by him

readily above pledis says preclude non because he says that after the making of the said writ of execution and before the commencement of this suit to wit, on the first day of December AD 1847 the said debt did not fully pay and satisfy the said plaintiff the full amount of his said debt, damages, interest and costs by him above in his declaration mentioned and this he prays may be enquired of by the County &c

Brown & Wright Attys for Plff

And the said plaintiff as to the said<sup>3</sup> plea of the said debt Anson Root impleaded &c says preclude non because he says, that after the issuing out of the writ of execution and the delivery of the same to the Sheriff &c as in said plea mentioned, and after the levying upon, seizing and taking of the goods and chattels wares and merchandises of the said defendant Paul Ambrose by the said Sheriff for the satisfaction of said execution as in

Said plea mentioned to wit on the twenty, Six<sup>th</sup> day  
of April AD 1845 in Hanc County, Aforesaid, the said  
defendant Paul Ambrose with the said Auser Root as his  
surety, executed to the said Sheriff a forthcoming or del-  
-ivery Bond. Conditioned for the Satisfaction of said debt  
and Costs for the return of the same goods and Chattels  
worn and Merchandize in said plea mentioned on  
the first day of June next after the date thereof to wit  
the first day of June AD 1845. And thereupon the said  
Sheriff at the request of the said Ambrose and of the said  
Root, released and redelivered the said goods and Chattels  
worn and Merchandize to the said Ambrose; And the  
said Plaintiff says that the said Ambrose and Root  
did not, nor did either of them return to the said  
Sheriff the said Goods and Chattels worn & Merchandize  
on the first day of June AD 1845 according to the condi-  
-tion of said forthcoming or delivery Bond: nor have  
they or either of them at any time, returned the same; nor  
paid or satisfied the said debt and Costs or any part thereof  
but on the contrary the said Goods and Chattels worn and  
Merchandize, were afterward, to wit on or about the 22<sup>d</sup>  
day of July AD 1845 sold and exchanged by said Ambrose  
for certain lots and lands, and said Plaintiff further  
says that after the rendition of said judgment in favor  
of said Plaintiff, against the said defendants Paul Ambrose  
and after the levy of said execution upon said goods  
and Chattels worn and Merchandize as in said third  
plea mentioned to wit at the April Term of the Hanc County  
Circuit Court AD 1845, (being the same term at which  
the said judgment was rendered) the said defendant  
Paul Ambrose prayed an appeal from said judgment  
to the Supreme Court which was allowed by the Court  
on condition that he file Bond with Auser Root.

As his security in twenty days in the penal sum  
of Five hundred Dollars, Conditioned as the Law  
directs, which was filed in the Office of the Clerk  
of said Circuit Court with Anson Root as security  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1845. And within the  
time by said Court for filing the same; and the said  
Plaintiff further says that the said appeal was not  
dismissed by said Supreme Court until the Dec.  
Term thereof AD 1845, which was a long time after  
the said writ of execution in said plea mentioned  
had expired and by reason thereof the said  
execution was and has been no further executed  
than above stated, but has been returned by said  
Shuff to the Clerk, and is now upon the files of  
this Court, and this is the said Plaintiff is ready  
to verify, wherefore he Prays judgment, and  
his debt aforesaid, together with his damages  
by him sustained on account of the detention  
thereof &c

Robert Wright  
Atty for Plffs.

And afterwards, to wit on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January  
AD 1849, the defendant filed his demurrer to the  
Plaintiff's replication a copy of which is as follows

Anson Root et al	}	Debt	Main Circuit Court Jan Special Term 1849
ad, Abner Rossiter			

And the said defendant Anson  
Root replied &c &c and says that the  
Replication of the said Plaintiff to the Third plea of  
the said Anson Root by him above pleaded is not  
sufficient in Law, and he is not bound to answer &c  
by Wilson Wilcox his Atty

And the said defendant Anson Root demurred  
specially to said Replication and points out the  
following cause of demurrer: That said Replication  
is double and presents several distinct issues  
wherefore &c Wilson & Wilcox his atty

And afterwards to wit on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April  
AD 1849 it being one of the days of the April Term of  
Hamp County Circuit Court AD 1849. the following  
order was entered on said demurrer to wit

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Asher Rossiter }  
v } Debt  
Paul Ambrose }  
Anson Root }

And now comes the Plaintiff  
by Brown and Wright and  
the defendant Root by

Wilson & Wilcox his Attorney also come, and the Court  
having heard the argument of Counsel on the demurrer  
hereofne filed to the Plaintiff, replication to the Third

Plea of said defendant Root doth overrule the same as  
and said def<sup>t</sup> Root failing to answer further to said Replication  
the Cpts of said defendant Root, it is therefore ordered  
by default for the sum of one hundred dollars the amount  
that the Plaintiff have judgment and execution  
of the sum aly in said appeal said to be discharged on the payment  
of the sum aly and in his case and charges in and  
of four hundred seventy five <sup>sup</sup> dollars to gether with their  
costs and charges herein.

And afterwards to wit on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January  
AD 1850 it being one of the days of the December Special  
Term of Hamp County Circuit Court AD 1849 the following  
among other proceedings was had to wit

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Asher Rossiter }  
v } Debt  
Anson Root }  
Paul Ambrose }

This day comes the Plaintiff  
by Brown Wright his Attorney  
and the defendant by

Wilson & Wilcox also come, and waive a jury and submit this cause to the Court for trial; after hearing the evidence and argument of Counsel, the Court finds the issues found in favor of the plaintiff. And assess his debt on the penal part of the bond sued on as the sum of Five hundred dollars, and his damages on the breach assigned in his declaration as the sum of Four hundred and Seventy Five dollars and Eighty Cents; it is therefore considered by the Court that the plaintiff have and recover of the defendant Root his debt of Five hundred dollars, and his damages of Four hundred and Seventy Five dollars and Eighty Cents and costs of this suit expended and that he have execution therefor in conformity with the Statute therefor, <sup>and that his appeal be allowed, to supersede</sup> the penal sum of six hundred dollars with S. P. Bondock his surety, in 10 days

And afterwards to wit on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March AD 1850 it being one of the days of the March Term AD 1850 of Kane County Circuit Court, the following among other proceedings were had to wit:

Asher Rossiter	} Debt	This day comes the plaintiff by Wright his Attorney, and moves the Court to amend the Record of the judgment entered in the above entitled cause at the last term of this Court, so that the Record shall read as follows
or		
Newton Root	}	This day comes the plaintiff by Wilson & Wilcox his Attorneys also come, and waive a jury and submit this cause to the Court for trial, after hearing the evidence and argument of Counsel, the Court finds the issues found in favor of the plaintiff, and that
& Paul Ambrose		

This day comes the plaintiff by Rossiter & Wright his Attorney and the defendant Root by Wilson & Wilcox his Attorneys also come, and waive a jury and submit this cause to the Court for trial, after hearing the evidence and argument of Counsel, the Court finds the issues found in favor of the plaintiff, and that

This day comes the plaintiff by Rossiter & Wright his Attorney and the defendant Root by Wilson & Wilcox his Attorneys also come, and waive a jury and submit this cause to the Court for trial, after hearing the evidence and argument of Counsel, the Court finds the issues found in favor of the plaintiff, and that

Said defendant is indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of Five hundred dollars, being the amount of the penalty in the Bond sued upon, and also the damages on the breaches assigned in the plaintiff's declaration, at the sum of Four hundred Seventy Five dollars and Eighty Cents; it is therefore considered by the Court that the said plaintiff have and recover of the said defendant Root his debt of Five hundred dollars aforesaid, and his costs in this suit expended and <sup>paid</sup> execution therefor to be discharged upon the payment of the sum of Four hundred and Seventy Five dollars and Eighty Cents the damages aforesaid and the costs of this suit expended aforesaid, which amount is ordered by the Court; and that an appeal be allowed to Supreme Court by the defendant Arthur Root entering into Bond in penal sum of Six hundred dollars with S. P. Wardick his surety, in Forty days.

And afterwards to wit on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January A.D. 1850 Arthur Root filed in the Clerk's Office of said Court a Bond of which the following is a copy to wit

Know all men by these presents that we Arthur Root and Samuel P. Wardick of Watauga County and State of Virginia are held and firmly bound unto Arthur Rossiter of ~~Watauga~~ Watauga County Virginia in the penal sum of Six hundred dollars to be paid unto said Rossiter to which payment will and truly to be made, we bind ourselves our heirs executors Administrators or assigns jointly severally and firmly by these presents. Witness our hands and seals this 27<sup>th</sup> day of of January A.D. 1850

The Condition of the above obligation is such that when as the said Rossiter did on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1850 recover in the Kane County Circuit Court in the State of Illinois a judgment against the said Anson Root and Paul Ambrose for the sum of Five hundred dollars Penalties, and Four hundred and Seventy Five <sup>50</sup>cts Damages together with their Costs and Charges from which judgment said Root immediately prayed an appeal to the Supreme Court, which the Judge of said Circuit Court allowed on Condition that said Root put or into bond with the above bound obligor as his Surety in the penal sum of Six hundred dollars Conditioned as the Law directs and to be filed within Forty days; Now if the said Root shall pay the said judgment, Costs, interest and Damages in case the said judgment shall be affirmed, and shall duly prosecute his said appeal, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed in presence of

Anson Root }  
 S. P. Perduek }  
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State of Illinois }  
 Kane County }  
 I Charles B. Wells Clerk of Kane

County Circuit Court do hereby

Certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the original Process, Writ, Reclamation, Return, Replication, Demurrer to replication to Third plea, Happed Bond on file in my Office in the case in which they purport to be in; and also the order of Court on the Demurrer, and the final judgment as appears



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Susan Kool imp.  
Asher Koster  
Recd

Filed June 11. 1857.  
L. Heland Ck.

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Root

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Refuter

This case presents the same question as the case of Root or Reed, et al., and the same decision must be made.

The judgment will be affirmed, with costs.